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SUBJECT: Monthly Commander's Report

TO: Chief, DPD

A. General

1. Two successful operational missions were accomplished during the month along with our normal training program. I believe that the [] have reached their peak proficiency and are now quite confident as a result of the successful overflights and increased training program. When the new article arrives from IRAN we should be in good shape to conduct a sustained operational program.

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3. We were quite happy to have IDENTITY A with us during our most productive week to date. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit and are certain that he brought back a lot of knowledge and better understanding of our operation here.

B. Administration

1. Personnel Movements during February.



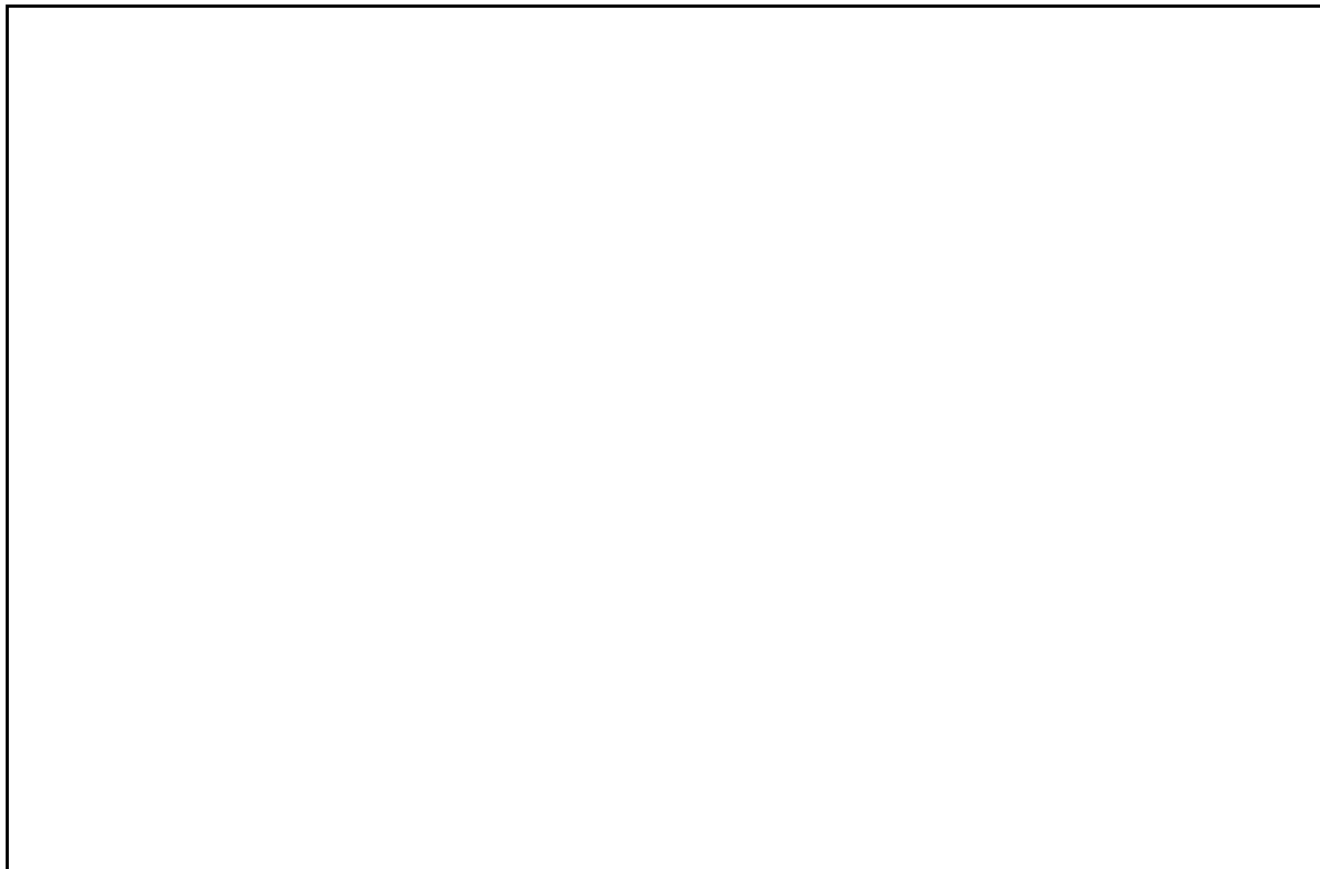
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2. Personnel Requirements:

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3. General

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[redacted] underwent surgery on 15 February 1962 to have a bone graft performed on his left forearm. All indications are that the operation has been successful. His incisions have been healing nicely and he is scheduled to be released from the hospital on 1 March 1962. He will be required to wear a rigid cast for approximately 90 days.

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4. Total expenditures for February 1962 were [] Breakdown 25X1A
enclosed in Attachment 1.

C. Operations

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2. The T-33 was flown a total of 41:45 hours. Training for [] 9, 10, 25X1A
11 and 13 was accomplished as per Attachment 2.

25X1A 3. Weekly pilot's meetings were held, with [] 9, 10, 11 and 13 attending.
Flight Planning Section devised and added to the library 3 new training missions.
One indigenous flight planner is going TDI to the U.S. effective 1 March 1962.

4. The Photo Interpreter reviewed film from 18 training missions. 11 overlays
were prepared on the two operational missions.

25X1A 5. The Personal Equipment Section modified the Personal Equipment test stand
for a greater range of tests of electrical parts. Another Q207 seat pack has been
put into use, bringing the total to 7.

D. Materiel

1. Special emphasis is placed on the Materiel portion of this month's summary
report for several reasons:

a. The Materiel function embraces supply support of the Detachment from
the "bits and pieces" needed in flying the prime mission to the many and varied
other requirements of the day-to-day operation. This Detachment has taken
pride in witnessing a support function established that, despite its crudest
beginnings and facilities, has evolved into a smooth and competent service
activity.

b. A quick and recognizable measure of any support activity is its ready
ability at supporting the prime mission. It may be noted that this Detachment
has yet to experience a grounding of the mission or an out-of-commission status
on the airborne systems for lack of supplies. This distinction has been attained
despite this organization's remote location and its complete dependence on the
ZI depot for supplies of this nature.

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2. Forwarded under separate cover as Attachment 3 are photographs that display certain details of the Materiel activity. Some of the features indicated are thought to be unique, insofar as their application to this type of organization is concerned. Highlighted examples are:

a. Use of plywood bin boxes manufactured to our specifications locally at a cost of 10 cents each. These come with dividers and have proven most satisfactory in storing the many FAK supplies (Photo A).

b. Mounting of high-demand hardware on the face of the bin boxes as a visual display. This permits immediate identification by Maintenance personnel of their needs and has practically eliminated the searching through books or cards for these fast moving items (Photo A).

c. A wall mounted tool crib for SIOE tools that are used on special tasks or applications. Tools are mounted in stock number sequence. When a tool is drawn out, a signed chit is placed on the board in its stead until the tool is returned at the end of the work period (Photos B & C).

d. A special feature on the wall tool bin are about a hundred small polyethylene bags that are partially full of oil and which provide a perpetual oil bath for bits, drills, sockets and other small tools. The local humidity extremes create heavy corrosion problems and oil immersion storage has reduced the problem considerably (Not visible in photos).

e. The main part of the administrative functions are performed in the Supply office. Stock and property cards, vouchers, research books and allied documents are maintained here (Photo D).

f. A direct over-the-counter issue and receipt facility serves the hangar floor. Every item issued from FAK stock is immediately recorded and within a 24 to 48 hour period, a replenishment request is on the way to the depot. On priority requests, the processing is immediate. Stock locator files are also located in this area. These cards pinpoint the location of each item, the quantity on hand, its status and the inventory periods (Photo E).

g. A necessary adjunct to the Supply office is the annex in which the Materiel Officer and [redacted] can attend to the vehicle maintenance, POL, building & grounds upkeep, and similar support needs of the Detachment (Photo F).

3. This Detachment has been gratified to note the favorable comments that various visitors to this Detachment have expressed over the Materiel operation. It is understandable even more gratifying to know that our own internal capability at sustaining the mission has consistently remained at such a high level of effectiveness.

E. Maintenance

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F. Security

When [] arrived ferrying replacement [] it was noted that his flying equipment was well covered with his true name. [] has been informed of this for future flights. No major security problems or events occurred during the month.

G. Special Equipment

1. Two operational missions were accomplished during the month for a total footage of 10,214 ft. of film. Both missions were successful. One training mission was accomplished for a footage of 4,140 ft. This mission was also successful.

2. The [] processed both operational mission Tracker films and duplicate positives of the original negative were delivered to this organization within 6 hours. The quality of the films was excellent.

3. No problems or difficulties were encountered during the month.

H. Communications

2. To date there have been no malfunctions of the airborne radio communications/navigation equipment on any flights. This can be attributed primarily to the condition of the equipment and the expediency of logistics in processing repairable components. []-358 arrived with the new ARC type VOR and radio compass of which no spare parts or test kits are on hand. Manuals, spare components and test kits have been requisitioned on a priority basis and it is hoped that no equipment failures are experienced before they are received.

3. The work load of the Signal Center, operating on a 24 hour basis, is far below the stations capabilities. The [] circuit is proving to be over 90 per cent reliable. With this reliability critical operational traffic can be protected with minimum delay. The reliability of the circuit can be attributed to the excellent support and cooperation of the [] units providing the allocated circuit, particularly the local [] units.

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Attachments:

1. Summary of February 1962 Expenditures, in dupl, h/w
2. Flying Accomplishment Chart, 1 copy, h/w
3. 6 Photographs 1 copy each u/s/c.
4. Identities, in trip, u/s/c.

Distribution:

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